

POWERS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEC. 24. The board of aldermen shall have control of all the finances and all the property, real and personal, belonging to the city; and all of the corporate powers conferred upon the city of Wilmington shall be exercised by the board of aldermen, subject to the provisions of this act and consistent with the powers herein granted; and, among the powers granted, shall have power and authority, by ordinance duly enacted:

Control of finances and property.

(1) To provide for the payment of any existing indebtedness and of any lawful obligation that may from time to time be made by the city, and to appropriate funds for that purpose.

Payment of debts.

(2) To establish, construct, open, close, grade, and keep in repair streets, sidewalks, public alleys, bridges, culverts, drains, and conduits in the city, and regulate the construction and use of same; to abate any obstructions and encroachments thereon, and to punish those causing or responsible for such obstructions or encroachments; and to establish and regulate public parks and grounds; and the naming of all streets, parks, and public places shall be subject to the approval of the board of aldermen.

Establishment and maintenance of streets.

(3) To prevent excavations on any street, sidewalk, public alley, park, or public ground, unless by permission of the board; to prescribe and exact fees for such privileges, and to require satisfactory bonds or deposits in cash, or securities, as guarantee for the proper restoration of such street, sidewalk, park, public alley, or public ground.

Excavations in streets and public grounds.

(4) To provide for the lighting of the streets, public grounds, parks, and public buildings.

Lights.

(5) To regulate the speed of all railroad trains, street cars, and locomotives within the city, and their stops at street crossings; to require all railroads or street railway companies to light the streets over or across which their trains or cars are operated where deemed necessary by reason of the operation of such trains or cars; to prescribe the kind of light to use, and to levy special-tax assessments upon them for street improvements in the same manner as against abutting property owners hereinafter provided for.

Trains, street cars, and locomotives.

Lights on tracks.

Assessments for improvements.

(6) To regulate and control the laying and construction of railroad tracks, turnouts, and switches, and to regulate, change, or alter the grades of same; to require that they be constructed and so laid as to interfere as little as possible with the ordinary travel and use of streets; to regulate and control the location and construction of street railroad and steam railroad tracks, turnouts, and switches, and to require railroad companies of all kinds to construct, raise, lower, alter, widen, or enlarge, at their own expense, such tracks, bridges, turnouts, culverts, crossings, and other things as the board of aldermen may deem necessary, and to

Regulation of tracks.